

ABSTRACT

An exhaust-gas-purifying catalyst is made by depositing on a support iridium serving as a catalyst active substance, sulfur for improving the catalyst activity of iridium and, if necessary, platinum. The sulfur is preferably contained as a sulfate. The exhaust-gas-purifying process of the present invention is a process in which exhaust gas from an internal combustion engine is allowed to pass through the exhaust-gas-purifying catalyst with the exhaust-gas temperature being set in the range of 200°C to 700°C at the inlet of the exhaust-gas-purifying catalyst. The above-mentioned composition and process provide an activity for purifying exhaust gas, especially for eliminating nitrogen oxides in an oxidizing atmosphere, in a wide temperature range, allow high heat-resistance and durability, and consequently, are superior in practical use.